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Robert A. Cordery et al.

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Serial No.: 09/280,528

) Group Art Unit: 2161

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Title: METHOD FOR CERTIFYING
PUBLIC KEYS USED TO SIGN POSTAL
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above identified application as follows, and consider the remarks set forth below:

In the specification:

Page 1, line 4: Please delete the paragraph beginning "The present application ..." and substitute therefore the following paragraph:

--The present application is related to, and discloses subject matter common to commonly assigned, co-pending applications serial number: 09/280, 527 and 09/280,529, (atty. docket E - 837, E-838) filed on even date herewith.--

Page 3, line 13: Please delete the paragraph beginning "In U.S. application ..." and substitute therefore the following paragraph:

--In U.S. patent no.: 5,878,136; to: Kim et al.; filed Oct. 8,1993, issued: March 2, 1999, a key control system comprising generation of a first set of master keys and assigning the keys to a corresponding plurality of postage meters is taught. Keys may be changed by entry of a second key via encryption with a first key.--

Page 3, line 18: Please delete the paragraph beginning " In U.S. application ..." and substitute therefore the following paragraph: